MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That, I fear, is not allowed by the rules.

Location of Liquor Shops near Places of Public Worship, etc.

145. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how many of the liquor shops in the State are located within a furlong from places of public worship, schools and Government offices?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that the public are put to considerable trouble on account of the location of the said liquor shops?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased immediately to order that, with a view to maintain public peace, sale of liquor should not be carried on within two furlongs from places of public worship, schools and Government offices?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) The information is not available at present. It will be called for.

(*b*) Whenever any complaint arises against the location of a shop, prompt steps are taken to remove it to an unobjectionable site, as far as possible.

(*c*) There is already a departmental circular order that, whenever practicable, no arrack or toddy shops should be located within two furlongs of such places of public resort. A copy of the circular* order issued on the matter is placed on the table.

Sale of Malayalam Readers.

146. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that Malayalam Readers are not always available in the offices of the Assistant Inspectors and that consequently great inconvenience is caused to students and their parents?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to appoint additional selling agents and compel them to keep a sufficient number of copies always in stock?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Government are aware that copies of certain Malayalam Readers were not available for sale at the beginning of the current school year at the offices of some of the Assistant Inspectors. They have since been supplied with the required number of copies. Therefore, Government do not consider it necessary to appoint additional selling agents.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): The answer for the two parts of my question is given together. It is stated in the answer "They have since been supplied with the required number of copies". Is it answer to part (*a*) or to part (*b*) of my question? I did not require that information. Is it additional information supplied to me by Government?

* *Vide* appendix III—Page 881.

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